

tional and advanced technical engineering and continuing education diploma courses with special attention to expand and improve training opportunities for women, rural population and the handicapped.

Commercial borrowings from Foreign Money Markets

6015. SHRI V.S.
VJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRIMATI BASAVA
RAJESHWARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any commercial borrowings from International capital markets during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the amount borrowed during last two years and the rate of interest thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to make more commercial borrowing during 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Import of Arms and Ammunition from U.S.

6016. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's import of arms and ammunition from U.S. rose several fold in 1990 as compared to the previous three years; and

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on the import of arms USA during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Details regarding defense procurements and values thereof can not disclosed, in the interest of national security.

Grant/Subsidy to Handloom Sector

6017. SHRIV. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals formulate by the Government for augmenting the handloom textiles industry in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government are giving any grants or subsidy to the handloom sector; and

(c) if so, the amount of grant or subsidy given during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Although the Scheme for handloom for the Eighth Plan are still under formulation, certain broad strategies are likely to be adopted for the Eighth Plan. Some of the on-going schemes of the Seventh Plan are likely to continue. The basic change in approach in the new scheme would be an integrated approach suitable to weavers of a particular area and or/a particular target

group and or for a particular product. Since the problems of weavers vary from State some of the schemes would be based on particular needs built into a package type of scheme. Recently, six new schemes have been approved viz. (i) Margin Money for Destitute Weavers; (ii) Integrated Handloom Development Schemes; (iii) Project Pack-

age Scheme; (iv) Group Insurance scheme on a pilot basis covering 12000 weavers of Andhra Pradesh; (v) Revised Thrift Fund Scheme; and (vi) Revised Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

State-wise Breakup of Central Releases Plan and Non-Plan for 1989-90, 1990-91 & 1991-92

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (Provisional)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2014.48	2477.23	2631.77
2.	Assam	1140.67	1230.46	1408.32
3.	Bihar	902.20	542.45	475.93
4.	Gujarat	641.38	634.24	141.84
5.	Himachal Pradesh	23.40	49.29	83.03
6.	Haryana	31.91	20.00	58.20
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	227.63	132.81	0.39
8.	Karnataka	1175.40	1292.45	1167.69
9.	Kerala	451.42	205.63	174.00
10.	Madhya Pradesh	597.29	704.28	510.69
11.	Maharashtra	1314.93	952.96	1480.24
12.	Manipur	60.59	42.41	0.32
13.	Meghalaya	-	0.50	-
14.	Mizoram	-	22.30	2.80

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>	<i>1991-92 (Provisional)</i>
15.	Nagaland	-	-	2.00
16.	Orissa	934.79	1211.14	1384.93
17.	Punjab	32.21	50.62	43.86
18.	Rajasthan	445.33	368.32	380.28
19.	Tamil Nadu.	4390.41	3624.64	4005.00
20.	Tripura	129.67	101.47	26.63
21.	Uttar Pradesh	3191.32	4499.84	3317.34
22.	West Bengal	1901.65	1573.86	761.56

Disease in Coffee Plants in Karnataka

6018. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas affected by the disease in coffee plants in Karnataka and the extent of loss suffered or likely to be suffered; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Coffee Board to prevent spread of berry-borer disease in coffee plants in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Coffee Leaf Rust is one of the major diseases which affect arabica coffee. Besides some other minor diseases such as Koleroga, Anthracnose also affect coffee. During the year the areas affected and crop loss on account of this disease in Karnataka has negligible/minimal.

(b) The Coffee Board has taken a series of steps to contain the berry borer pest by creating awareness among the growers for

adopting timely chemical control measures such as spraying of Endosulfan 35EC, removal and burying of infested plants if the infestation is confined to few plant in a Estate and scrupulous collecting of gleanings etc. Apart from the above, pesticides have been supplied to the Kodagu district to make available the same to the growers affected areas at 50% subsidised cost for taking up timely spray.

[Translation]

Filling up Vacant Posts by Banks

6019. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies below the rank of Branch Manager in nationalised banks and State Bank of India and its associated banks at present, and since when these posts are lying unfilled, State-wise;